Wheat Research Project

1804. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Wheat Research Project is crippling because of funds thus adversely affecting country's efforts to increase its wheat production; and

(b) if so, the reasons for denying funds for the said project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) No Sir. The allocation of funds to the Wheat Research Project have been increased to Rs. 1050 lakh under VIII Plan, which is much higher than the VII Plan allocation of Rs. 304.60 lakh.

Production and Export of Pineapples and Oranges

1805. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what has been the production of pineapples and oranges during 1991-92;

(b) whether these fruits are exported;

(c) if so, the quantity exported during the above period; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned per year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Official estimates on Production of pineapples and oranges during 1991-92 are not available. However, as per rough estimates the production of pineapples and oranges during 1989-90 was 786716 and 531775 tonnes, respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) About 16 tonnes of pineapple and 871 tonnes of oranges were exported during 1991-92.

(d) There is no data regarding foreign exchange earned per year. However, during 1991-92 the foreign exchange equal to Rs. 1.31 lakh from pineapple and Rs. 15.25 lakh from oranges was earned.

Setting up of Central Marine and Fishing Training Institute

1806. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to set up Central Marine and Fishing Training Institutes at Bhavnagar and Porbandar to promote more education in marine industry;

(b) what is the current progress report of Marine Industry in India in view of employment sources;

(c) whether proposed institutes will work under the Central Government; and

(d) what is the time schedule to function these institutes; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The average annual growth rate of marine fish production in India during the last 4 years had been 11.25% as compared to the World average of about 3%. The average annual growth rate in export earnings during the same period had been 40%. The present estimated employment by source in the Marine Fisheries Sector is as follows :—

	Lakhs
(i) Artisanal and mechanised fishermen	12.00
(ii) Crew on board deep sea fishing vessels	0.05
(iii) Domestic marketing of marine fish	10.00
(iv) Export processing industry	1.75
(v) Ancillary industries	7.00
Total :	30.80

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Development of Fishing Harbours

1807. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to develop fishing industry in the coastal area of Gujarat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to establish deep harbour in Okha, Bhavnagar, Porbander and at Kandla for anchoring the traditional boats;

(c) whether Government have a plan to provide duty free diesel to fishermen from the month of April, 1993; and

(d) what steps Government have taken for solving the problem of coastal dredging ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government propose to establish a deep-sea fishing harbour at Okha which will accommodate traditional fishing boats also. At present there is no proposal for establishment of deep see fishing harbour at Bhavnagar, Porbander and Kandla. Porbander is already developed as fishery harbour.

(c) Under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Central Excise Duty on HSD Oil used by small mechanised boats below 20 m length is reimbursed from 1990-91.

(d) Government have carried out recently a study on the dredging requirements for minor fishing harbours and the report is under examination.

Famine in Giridih District of Bihar

1808. SHRI GAYA SINGH :

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the people of the Maniadih and Mednisore villages of Giridih district in Bihar are facing grim famine situation and people are dying of starvation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what relief measures are being taken to save the lives of the people of these villages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

कृषि क्षेत्र में महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण दिया जाना

1809. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में कृषि क्षेत्र में महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण दिया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ग) गत दो वर्षों के दौरान जिलावार, कितनी महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है और इस संबंध में क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है ?